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Question 1:

Are Davis-Bacon wage rates required for this project?

Response:

No

Question 2:

Please clarify the basis for award and the submission requirements. Are design/build teams required to submit design, schedule, and/or demonstration of biomass design and construction experience with the Bid Form?

Response:

There are no specific scoring criteria for awarding the bid; overall basis of award is value to the County. The RFP and the attached documents describe in detail the scope of the project, contract terms, and general schedule. Price, overall experience of Design/Build teams, specific experience with similar projects, and references will be considered. Demonstrating a plan to meet the overall schedule, some details of the building type, construction and layout, biomass system equipment design, controls, and warranties all help establish value of the bid to the county. It is left to the discretion of the bidder as to the details of the submittal.

Question 3:

Does this project include any involvement or oversight by NHDOT?

Response:

No

Question 4:

Is demolition of the Dairy Barn and other unoccupied buildings in the vicinity of the proposed biomass building part of the design/builder's scope of work or will this work be completed by the Owner prior to the start of construction?

Response:

The existing dairy barn and an adjacent commodities storage shed will be demolished by the county before construction of the biomass system begins and will not impact either the cost or schedule of the biomass project. No other buildings are to be demolished as part of this project.

Question 5:

Has a hazardous material investigation and report been prepared? Will this information be shared with bidders or shall we exclude the cost of hazardous waste removal in the event that it is identified or encountered after the bid date?

Response:

An asbestos containing materials report pertaining to the Nursing Home Boiler room will be provided at the mandatory pre-bid meeting at the site. Bidders are to include all costs associated with items detailed in the report and/or reviewed at the pre-bid meeting. Details of what is excluded from the bid should be indicated and will be considered in determining value of proposal

Question 6:

Will an existing conditions site plan be provided to bidders to allow us to account existing underground utilities and drainage systems in our design and bid?

Response

A site plan will be available with known utilities, however the contractor should contact Dig Safe® at 811.

Question 7:

The RFP indicates that geotechnical engineering services are the responsibility of the awarded design/builder, however the presence of unsuitable soils, ledge, or hazardous materials will not be known by bidders until after the award of the contract. Please indicate if design/build teams should exclude the costs for removal of these unknown items or if we should instead provide unit costs for removal in the event that such materials are discovered during the post-bid geotechnical investigation.

Response:

The geotechnical assumptions considered in the bid price should be clearly stated in the proposal. What is included or excluded from the proposal will be considered in determining value of proposal.